

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/913,780

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 19 February 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 47, 82-84 and 87-112.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other See Continuation Sheet.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Communication from Applicant including replacement drawing sheet.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Novais, no. 33,324, on 15 October 2007. The examiner suggested removing Fig. 5A from the drawings, as Fig. 5A is not described in the specification. The examiner requested that Applicant a substitute drawing sheet to this effect.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Drawings, old sheet 6/19 (containing Figs. 5 and 5A) has been replaced with the attached replacement sheet (containing only Fig. 5) received 17 October 2007.

Election/Restrictions

1. The requirement for election/restriction mailed 18 June 2007 is hereby withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 19 February 2007, with respect to claims 1, 47, 82-84, and 87-112 have been fully considered, and several of the arguments are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1, 47, 82-84, and 87-112 have been withdrawn.

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a. The examiner agrees with applicant's arguments regarding the rejection of claims 1, 47, 87, 89, 93-95, and 98-112 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Landsman, US 4,764,815. Specifically, the examiner agrees that the independent claims require direct contact of the printing plate with the stationary support bed, and further that Landsman does not teach direct contact between the plate and the support bed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1, 47, 82-84, and 87-112 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a. Regarding claims 1, 47, 94, and 98, the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious a flat-bed plate-setter system comprising all of the claimed elements, including a drive means or carriage to engage a printing plate in direct contact with a support bed.

b. Regarding claim 87, the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious a method for imaging a printing plate having all of the steps and structure as claimed, including disposing a printing plate on, and in direct contact with, the stationary support area, and sliding the printing plate.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leo T. Hinze whose telephone number is 571.272.2864. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571.272.2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

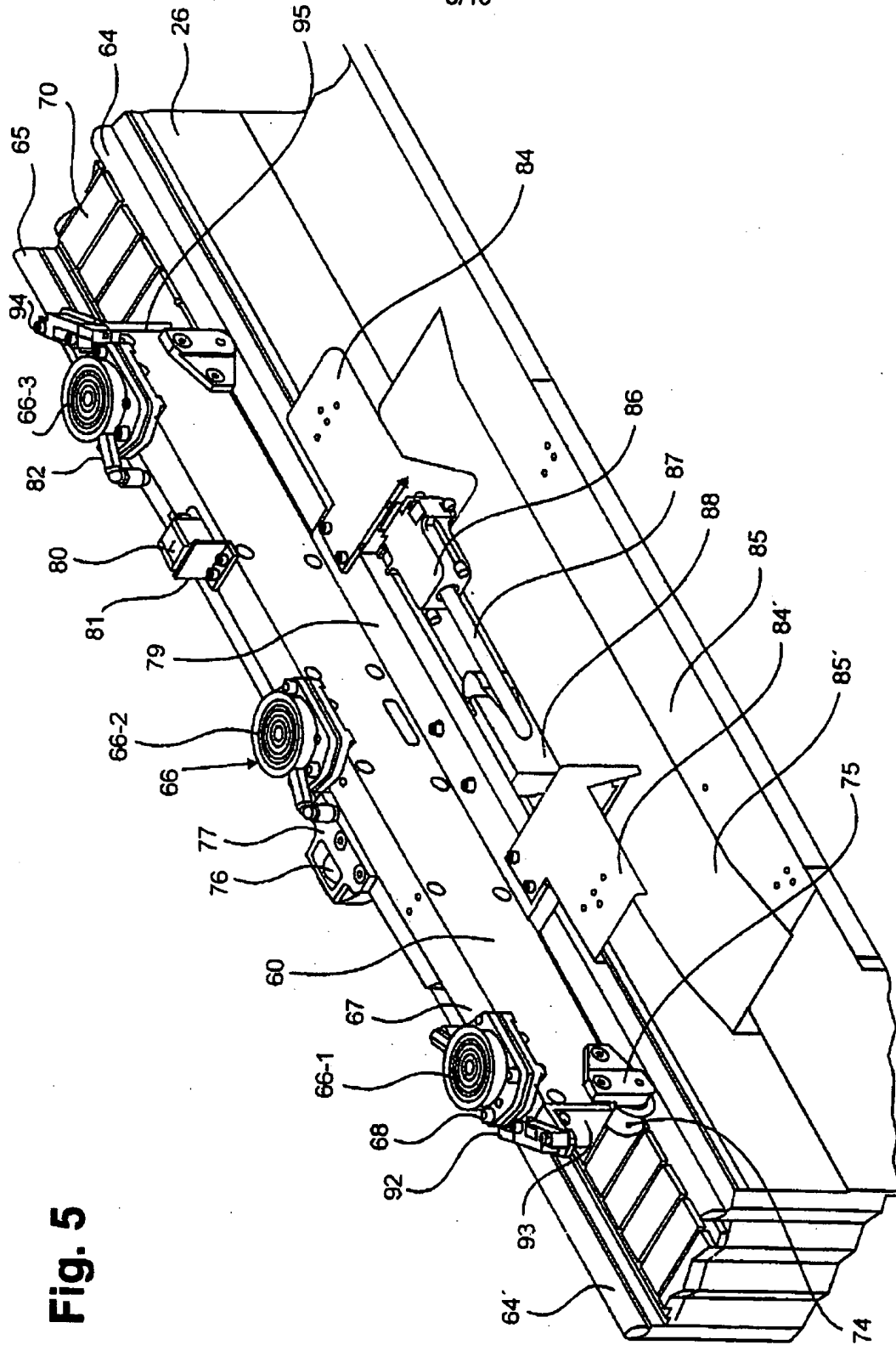
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Fig. 5



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